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32. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein the measuring a second change in absorbance of said sample is conducted at 480 ± 10 nm.

These new claims are fully supported by the specification, and do not constitute new matter. For example, see the last paragraph on page 6 of the specification.

Please amend claims 12, 24, and 28 as indicated in Appendix B, wherein newly added text is underlined, and text to be deleted is surrounded by brackets. Clean versions of these claims follow:

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12. (Amended) A method of eliminating interference by hemoglobin in the determination of alkaline phosphatase in a sample, comprising:

adding 4-nitrophenyl phosphate to said sample;

simultaneously determining a first optical measurement of said sample at 450 ± 10 nm and a second optical measurement at one or more secondary wavelengths selected from the group consisting of 480 ± 10 nm, 546 ± 10 nm, and 575 ± 10 nm; and

determining the difference between the first and second optical measurements.

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24. (Amended) A method of determining a level of alkaline phosphatase in a sample containing 4-nitropheny phosphate, the method comprising:

simultaneously determining a first optical measurement at 450 ± 10 nm and a second optical measurement at a secondary wavelength selected from the group consisting of 480 ± 10 nm, 546 ± 10 nm, and 575 ± 10 nm; and

determining the difference between the first and second optical measurements.

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28. (Amended) A method of determining a level of alkaline phosphatase in a sample, comprising:

adding 4-nitrophenyl phosphate to said sample;